

# ANAHEIM ST

## Transportation Improvement Project



# FACT SHEET

*The Anaheim Street Transportation Improvement Project is a comprehensive effort to beautify Anaheim Street between Interstate 710 and Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach while enhancing the efficiency of transportation.*

### GOALS

The purpose of the project is to reduce traffic congestion and improve the aesthetic feel of Anaheim Street while enhancing the on-time efficiency of buses. These improvements may serve as a model for similar work in the future along other major arterial streets in Long Beach.

### PROJECT ELEMENTS

Incorporating street improvements, landscaping, bus stops and state-of-the-art traffic control technology, the project features several distinctive potential elements.

- Optimizing traffic signal timing on Anaheim Street and parallel streets to reduce congestion and enhance vehicle travel speeds. Changes will be made based on an in-depth analysis of traffic conditions.
- Designing street improvements that allow for construction of new, wider sidewalks at bus stops on both sides of the street at selected intersections, so that buses will no longer have to merge into and out of traffic. On busy transit corridors in West Hollywood, Glendale and elsewhere, these modern bus stops have been proven to reduce transit delays. They also provide opportunities for attractive landscaping and architectural elements.
- Adding bus stop information displays that report to commuters in real time when the next bus will arrive.
- Modifying the traffic signal control system to allow buses to automatically request and receive priority at signalized intersections if they are behind schedule. Priority could include changing traffic signals to accommodate buses running behind schedule, improving traffic flow, and to stop traffic so that buses can safely pull back into traffic at selected locations.
- Colored concrete, palm trees and other aesthetic features that will beautify Anaheim Street, one of the City's gateway corridors.

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## **PROJECT ELEMENTS (CONT'D)**

- Increasing pedestrian safety by adding new traffic signals and protected pedestrian crossings at Chestnut Avenue and Gundry Court.
- Linking the City of Long Beach traffic signal control system and the Long Beach Transit central control facility so they share information and communicate with each other. This will allow bus locations and schedules, as well as information on traffic conditions, to be automatically transmitted by on-board computers. Thus, dispatchers will be able to immediately respond to traffic conditions and keep buses on schedule.

## **COMMUNITY INPUT**

Public participation is a critical part of the project. Two open houses are being scheduled so that area residents and business owners, motorists and bus riders may ask questions and submit comments. Look for mailers and fliers announcing the dates, times and locations of these open houses.

## **SCHEDULE**

The first phase of the Anaheim Street Transportation Improvement Project is to prepare conceptual designs and gather community input. Subsequent phases include detailed design, construction, and introduction of improvements. Project completion is scheduled for the end of 2004.

## **PARTNERS**

The Anaheim Street Transportation Improvement Project is managed by the City of Long Beach in cooperation with Long Beach Transit. It builds on work already completed by Long Beach Transit to equip its buses with technology so buses can be located and stops are automatically announced to passengers. Long Beach Transit also is planning to provide passenger information displays at four key bus stops and developing a web site for published bus schedules and real-time arrival information.

## **FUNDING**

Funding for the Anaheim Street Transportation Improvement Project, approximately \$5.9 million, comes from a grant received by the City of Long Beach from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the County of Los Angeles and additional funding from the City of Long Beach.

## **MORE INFORMATION**

For more information, call the Anaheim Street Transportation Improvement Project Hotline at (562) 436-6085 or visit [www.ci.long-beach.ca.us](http://www.ci.long-beach.ca.us).